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**AMENDMENT**

Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on January 15, 2008. Authorization to charge a credit card for a one-month extension of time to extend the period for reply until May 15, 2008 is being supplied herewith. However, Applicant conditionally petitions for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for an extension has inadvertently been overlooked. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any required fee, or for any deficiency in the enclosed fees, not otherwise provided for herein.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and request reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following:

- Amendments to the Claims, beginning on Page 2 of this paper; and
- Remarks, beginning on Page 7 of this paper.